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REFINING, INC.

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1. WILL BE PLEASED TO DO BEST WE CAN TO ASSIST FARRIS.
HOWEVER, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE APPOINTMENTS, ESPECIALLY
ON SHORT NOTICE, AND WE TRUST FARRIS APPRECIATES THIS.

2. AS STATE/COMMERCE AWARE, NIGERIAN OFFICIALS AT
POLICY AND EVEN RESPONSIBLE WORKING LEVELS THINLY
STRETCHED. PRIORITY CLAIMS ON THEIR TIME MAKE IT DIFFICULT
TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS IN MOST CIRCUMSTANCES, AND ON
SHORT NOTICE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS SOMETIMES JUST NOT
AVAILABLE. THIS APPLIES WITH EMPHASIS AT THIS TIME TO
OFFICIALS DEALING WITH PETROLEUM WHO ARE PREOCCUPIED WITH
CONTINUING PARTICIPATION DISCUSSIONS AND INFLUX OF
POTENTIAL CRUDE BUYERS AS WELL AS NORMAL ROUTINE.

3. IT USUALLY HELPS IF VISITOR AND/OR EMBASSY LAYS
FOUNDATION FOR APPOINTMENT BY WRITING TO APPROPRIATE
OFFICIALS IN ADVANCE OF VISIT, OFFERING DETAILS ABOUT
VISITOR AND HIS FIRM AND DESCRIBING IN OUTLINE KIND

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OF PROPOSITION OR TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED. IF HE HAS

NOT ALREADY DONE SO, AND IF TIME PERMITS, MR. FARRIS
MAY WISH TO ADDRESS LETTER TO F.R.A. MARINHO, CHAIRMAN,
NIGERIAN NATIONAL OIL COMPANY, P.M.B. 12650, LAGOS.

4. FOR OUR OWN PURPOSES AND AS APPROPRIATE TRANSMITTAL TO
FMG WOULD APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND ON SIZE AND
ACTIVITY TEXAS CITY REFINING (NOT LISTED IN OUR EDITION
OF OIL AND PETROLEUM YEARBOOK, ALTHOUGH SHOWN IN OIL AND
GAS JOURNAL WITH CAPACITY 60,000 B/D). WOULD ALSO BE
HELPFUL TO HAVE INDICATION OF QUANTITIES OF CRUDE IN
WHICH FARRIS MIGHT BE INTERESTED. WE ASSUME CRUDE IS
FOR TEXAS CITY'S OWN USE.

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